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# EARTH SYSTEM SERVICES

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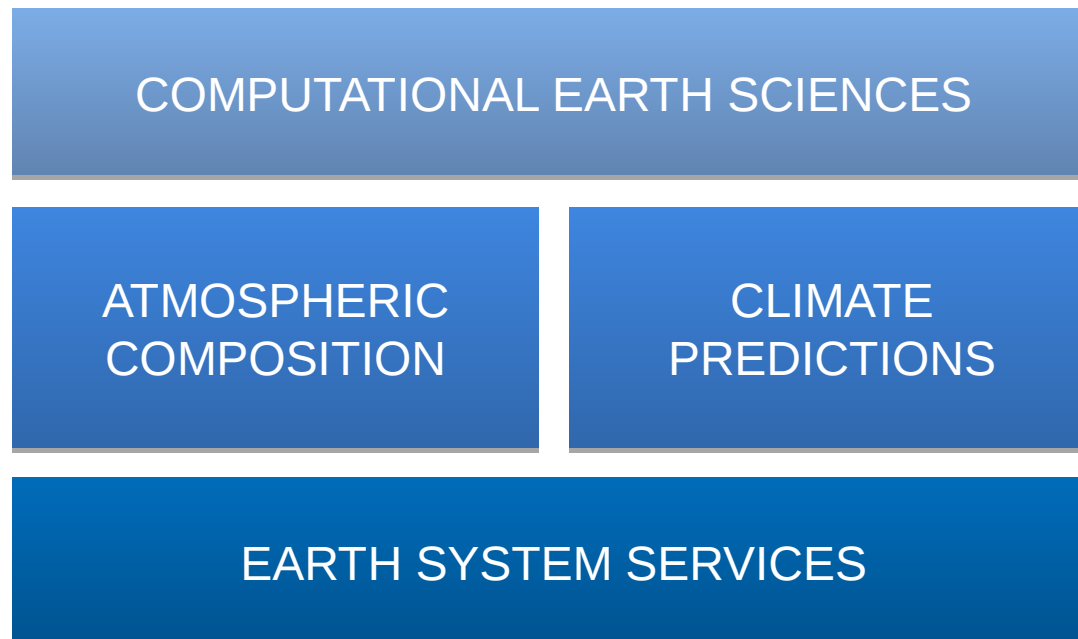
- Created in 2005; 450 employees
- Research, develop and manage information technology
- Facilitate scientific progress and its application in society



- Merging process between



- New structure: 4 groups (~ 50 people)



## OUR OBJECTIVE:

Facilitate technology transfer of state-of-the-art research from local, national to international levels in five areas:

Air quality assessments



Mineral Dust modelling



Weather forecasting

Climate predictions



Computational Earth Services

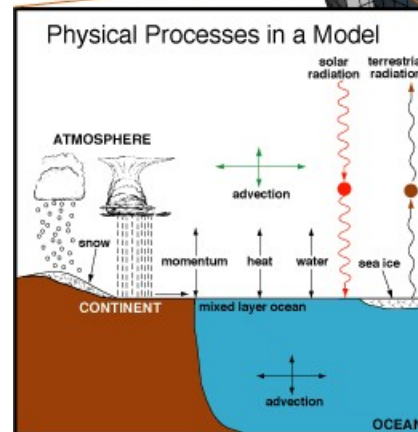
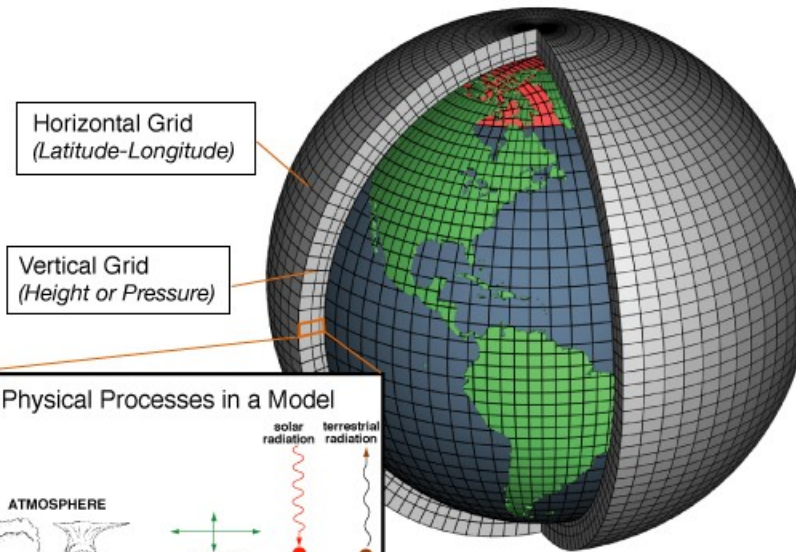


# Earth sciences modelling: climate and air quality modelling

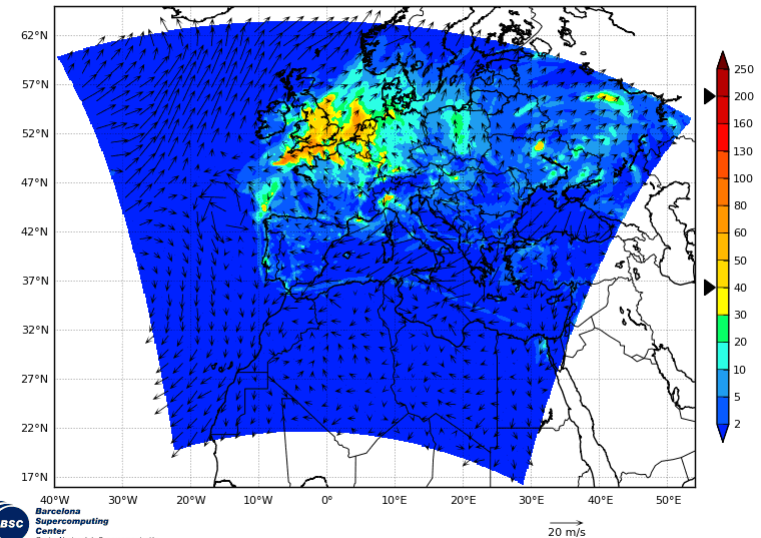


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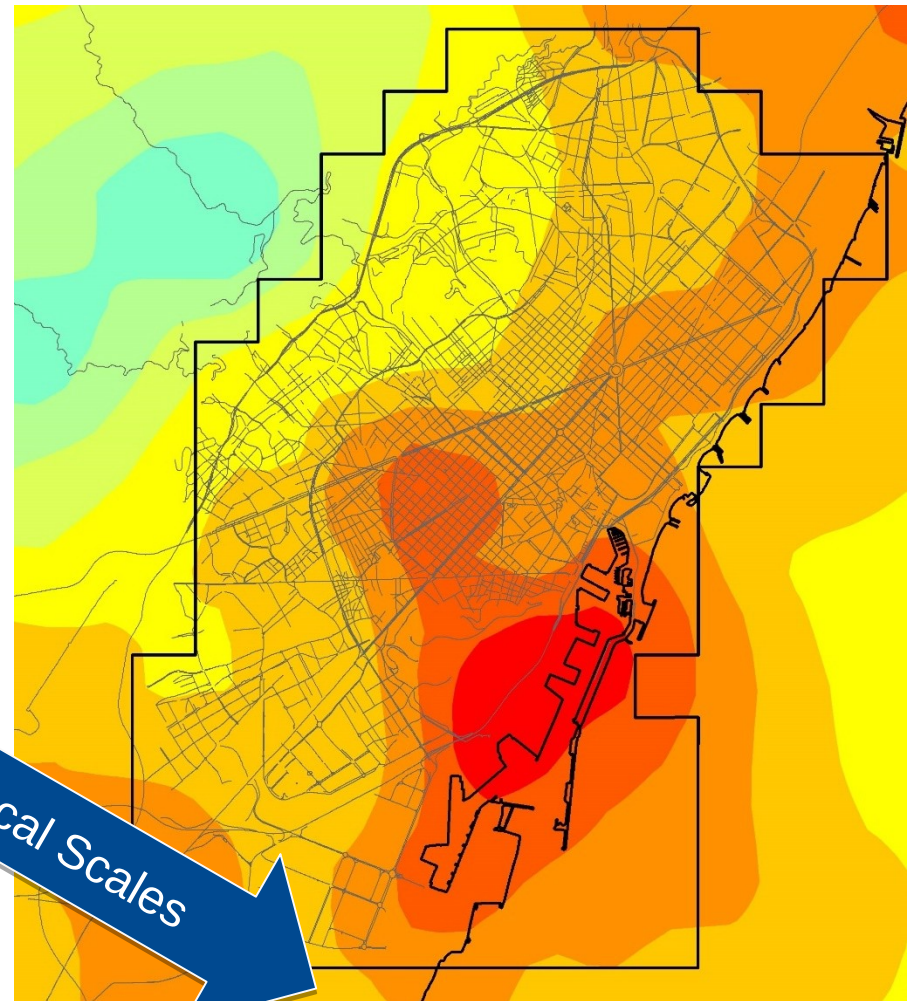
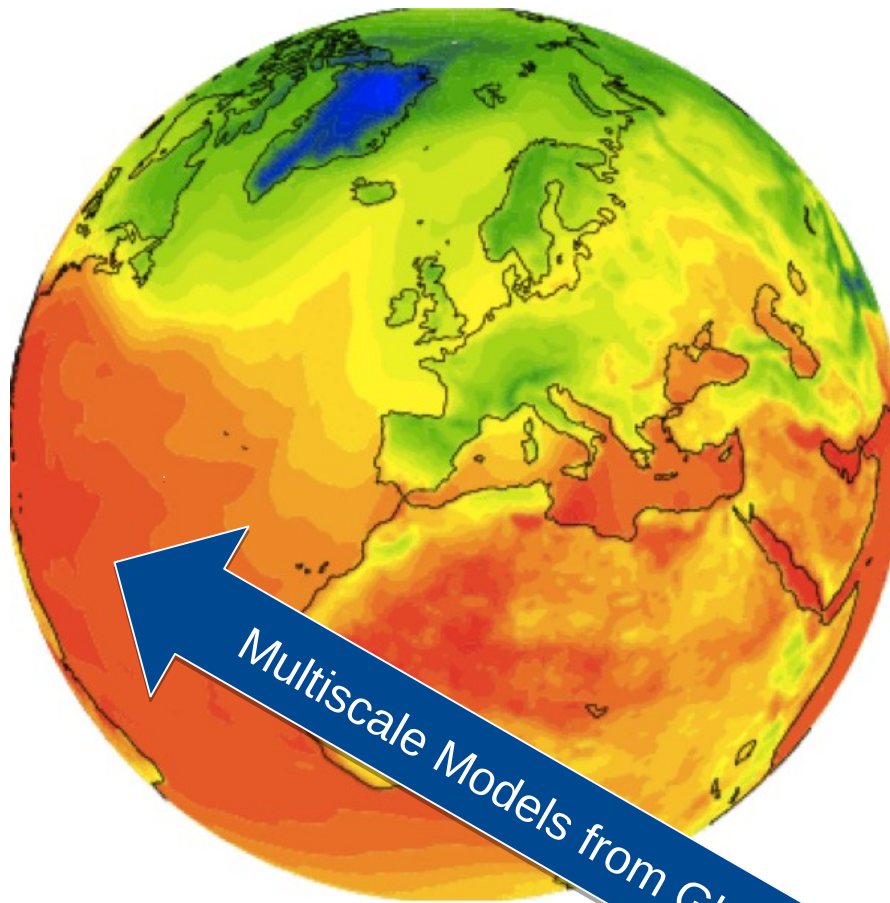
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BSC-ES/AQF WRFv3.5.1+CMAQv5.0.2+HERMESv2 Nitrogen Dioxide ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
00h forecast for 00UTC 01 Nov 2015 - Europe Res: 12x12km

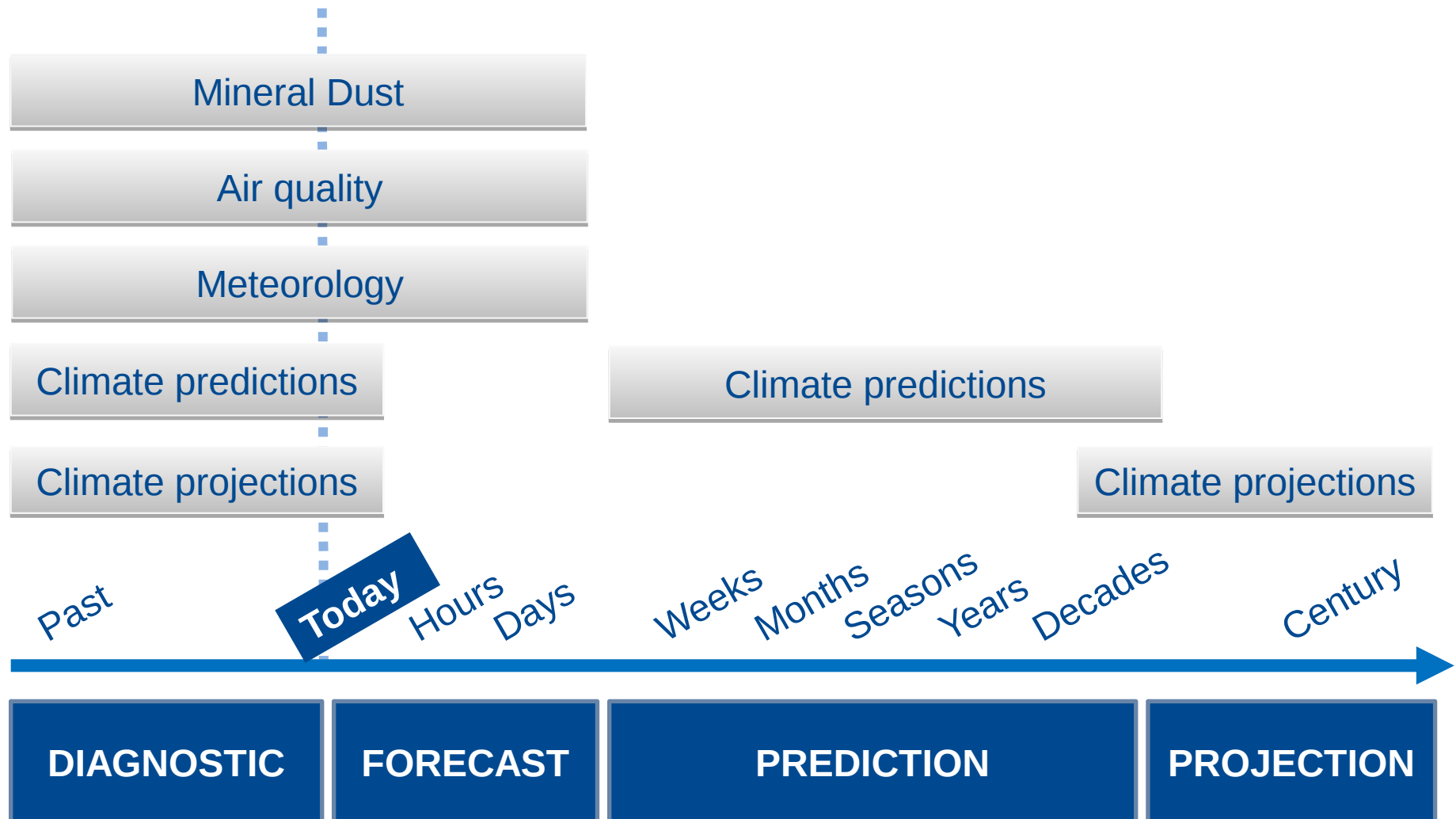


## Multi-scale models from global to local scales



Multiscale Models from Global to Local Scales

# Temporal scales





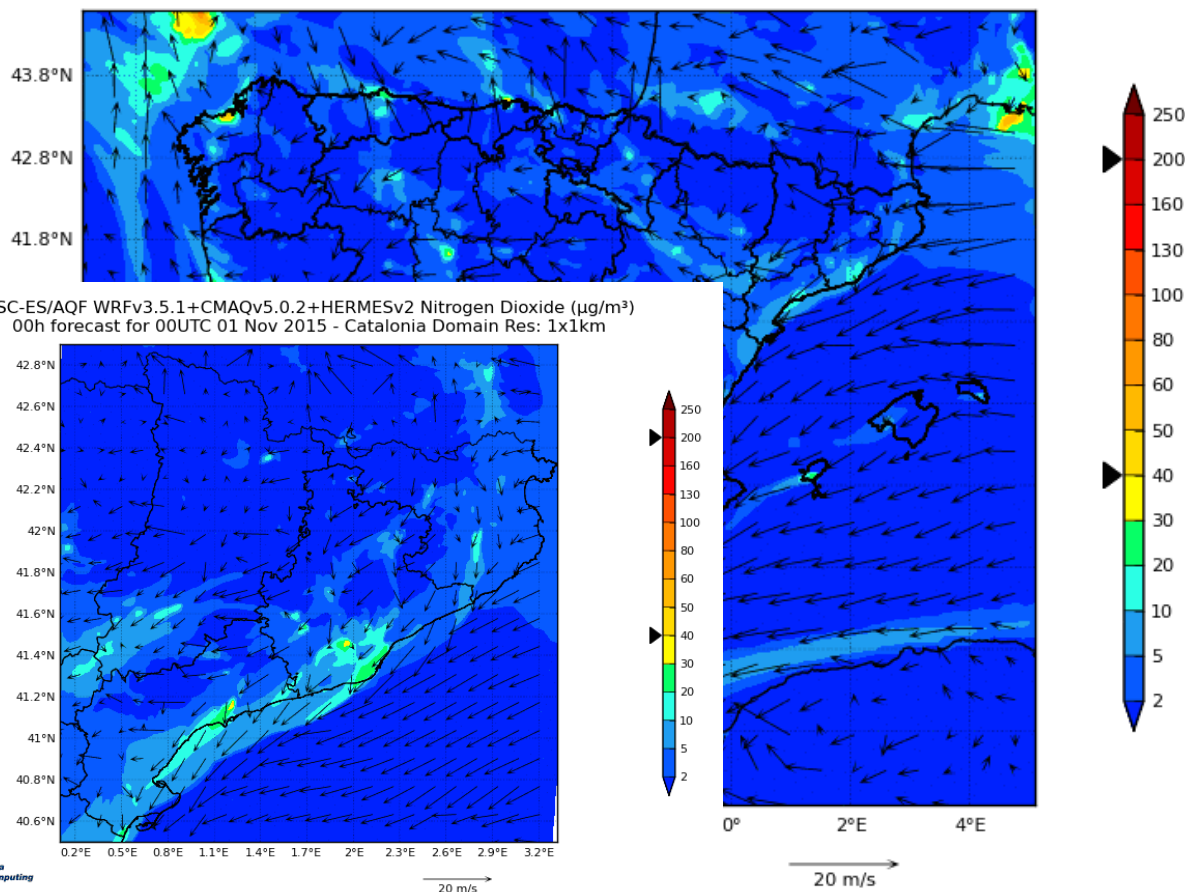


# Air quality management



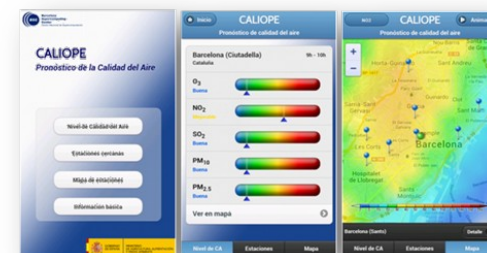
Provides air quality related information for the coming days and for the application of short term action plans for air quality managers.

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Information is delivered using both online or custom applications:

[www.bsc.es/caliope](http://www.bsc.es/caliope)



# Air quality management: point sources

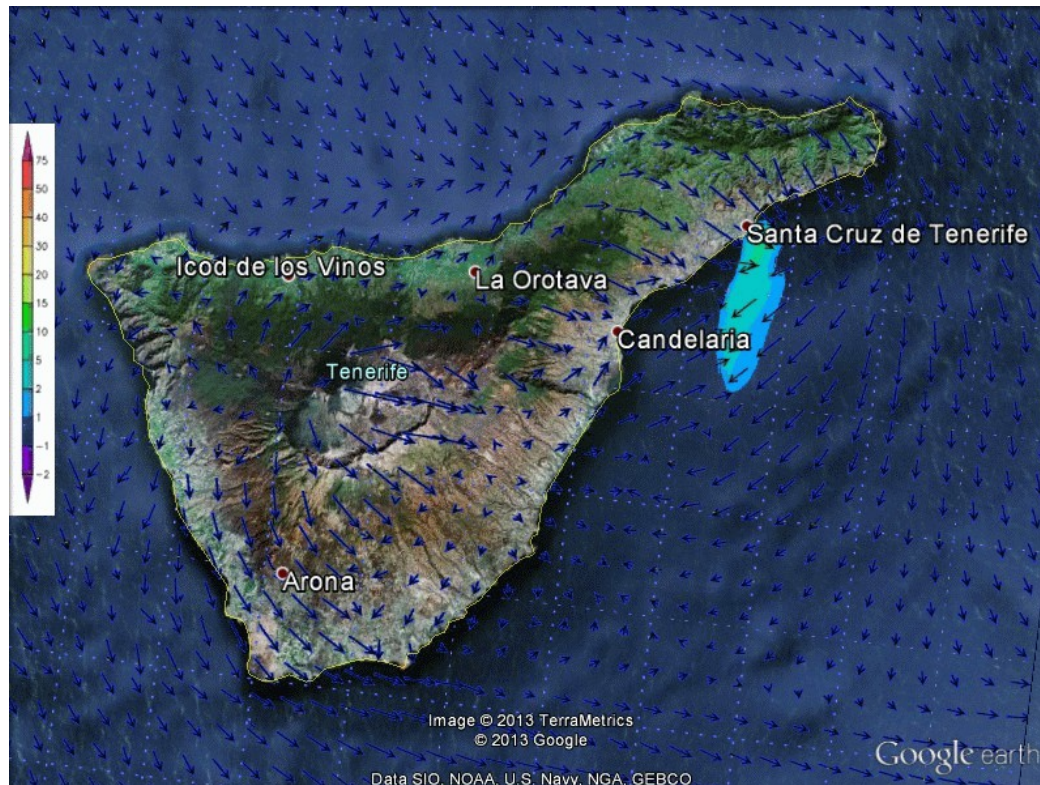
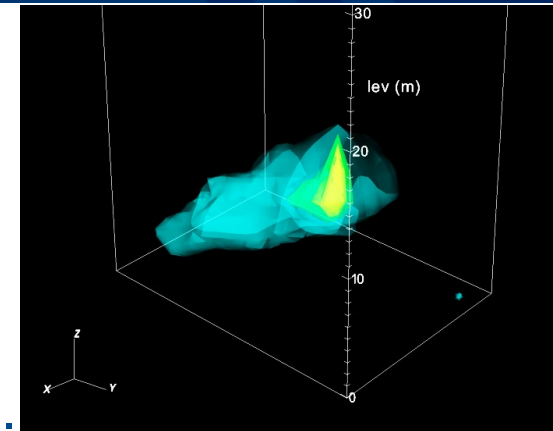


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Air quality impact studies performed in different regions and terrains.

Development of tools to meet user requirements.



Study of the refinery of Santa Cruz de Tenerife included in the AQ plan



PLAN DE CALIDAD DEL AIRE EN LA AGLOMERACIÓN DE SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE. SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LA LAGUNA. POR DIVIDIO DE AZÚPPE RELATIVO A LA EVALUACIÓN DE LA CALIDAD DEL AIRE DEL AÑO 2011.

## INDICE

1. Antecedentes
  2. Localización de la zona
  3. Información general
  4. Actividades no puntuales
  5. Datos de la zona y evaluación de la contaminación
  6. Origen de la contaminación
  7. Modelos de la situación
  8. Detalles de las medidas o proyectos de mejora existentes
  9. Información sobre las medidas o proyectos del plan de calidad del aire
  10. Información sobre las medidas o proyectos a largo plazo previstos o considerados
  11. Lista de las publicaciones, documentos, trabajo, etc.
  12. Procedimientos para el seguimiento de su cumplimiento y revisión.
- Anexo. Modelización de la calidad del aire en Santa Cruz de Tenerife en 2011



# Air quality management. Fleet electrification



Fleet electrification: Replacement of internal combustion vehicles by electric vehicles

Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV)



Plug-in electric vehicle (PHEV)



Battery electric vehicle (BEV)



Fleet electrification → Exhaust emission reduction → Energy consumption reduction

# Air quality management. Fleet electrification



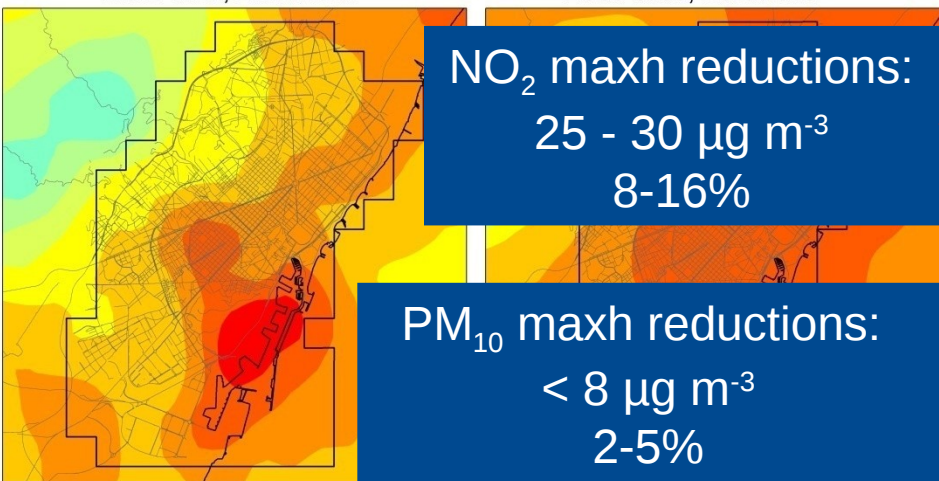
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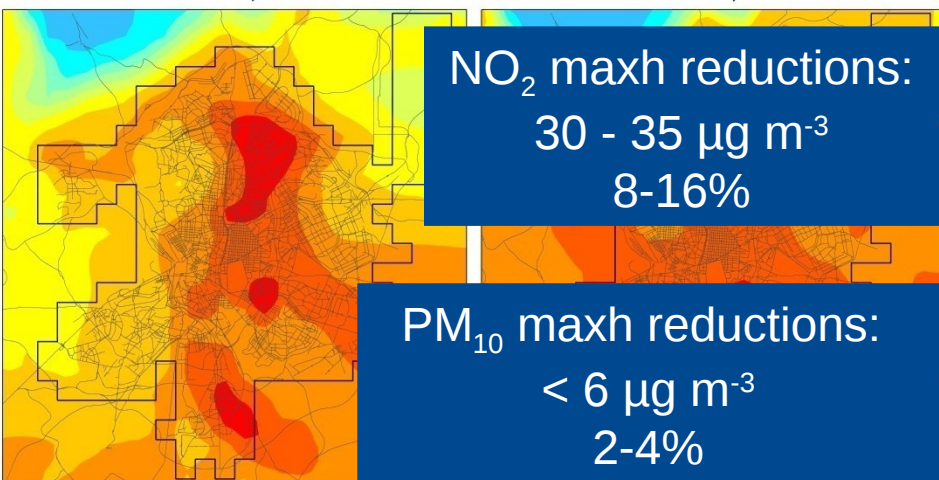
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Main source: Exhaust emissions Exhaust and resuspension

(Soret et al., 2014)





# Short term forecast for solar energy



## 1. Mineral dust assessment

BSC has developed in collaboration with NCEP the NMMB/BSC-Dust model.

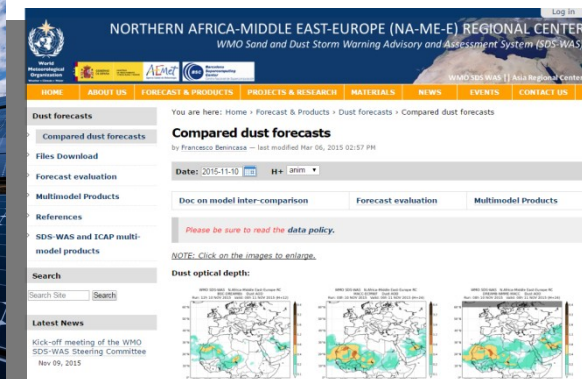
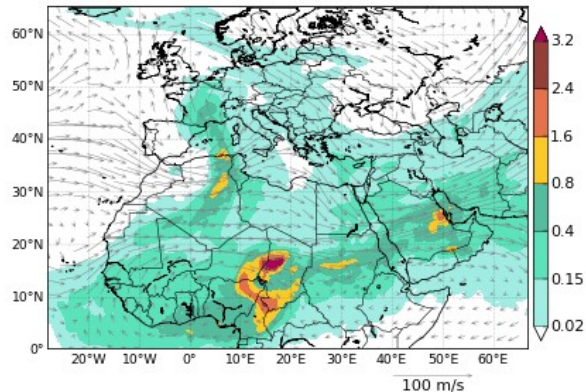
- Regional and global scales
- On-line feedbacks: Dust-Radiation interaction

## 2. Forecast system

Provides early-warning information about current and future dust concentration and derived parameters critical for specific sectors.

NMMB/BSC-Dust Dust Opt. Depth 550nm and 700 hPa Wind  
00h forecast for 12UTC 03 Apr 2014

<http://www.bsc.es/projects/earthscience/NMMB-BSC-DUST/>



<http://sds-was.aemet.es>



# Climate predictions for wind energy

## ESS partnership in EU Projects in climate services for the energy sector



**SPECS:** Seasonal-to-decadal climate Prediction for the improvement of European Climate Services



**EUPORIAS:** EUropean Provision Of Regional Impact Assessment on a Seasonal-to-decadal timescale



**NEWA:** New European Wind Atlas



**PRIMAVERA:** Process-based climate simulation: advances in high-resolution modelling and european climate risk assessment



**IMPRES:** Improving predictions and management of hydrological Extremes



**CLIM4ENERGY:** Climate for Energy



# e.g. Seasonal wind speed predictions



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- Data from **ECMWF** (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts)
- We assess the global behavior providing **probabilistic predictions**
- Aggregated output in **terciles**:
  - Above normal
  - Normal
  - Below normal

## ASSESSMENT REPORT 1: Dec-Jan-Feb 2009, US

### Key event characterisation

Description

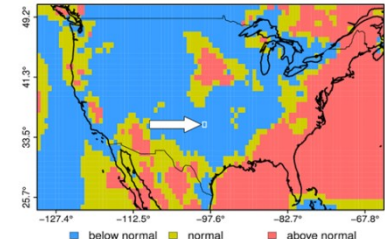
US ERA-Interim 10m wind speed tercile categories (DJF 2009)

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AREA: US

SEASON: December-January-February (DJF)

YEAR: 2009/2010



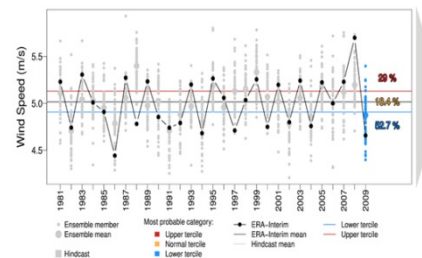
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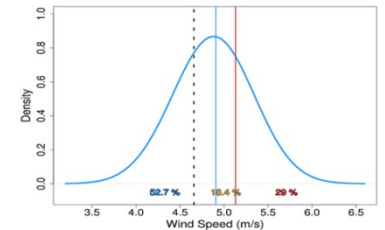
Time series of 10-m wind speed calibrated from ECMWF System 4 and ERA-Interim reanalysis (DJF 1981-2009)

Skill assessment and probability density function (DJF 2009 prediction)

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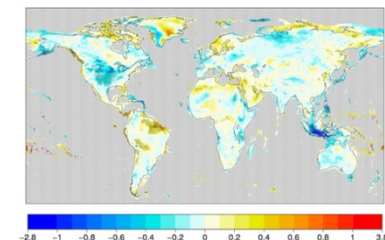
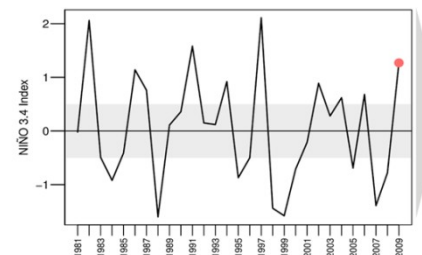
### Mechanisms driving seasonal wind speed variability

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Time series of the Oceanic Niño 3.4 Index (ONI) (DJF 1981-2009)

Impact of the positive phase of Niño 3.4 on the 10-m wind speed (DJF 1981-2014)

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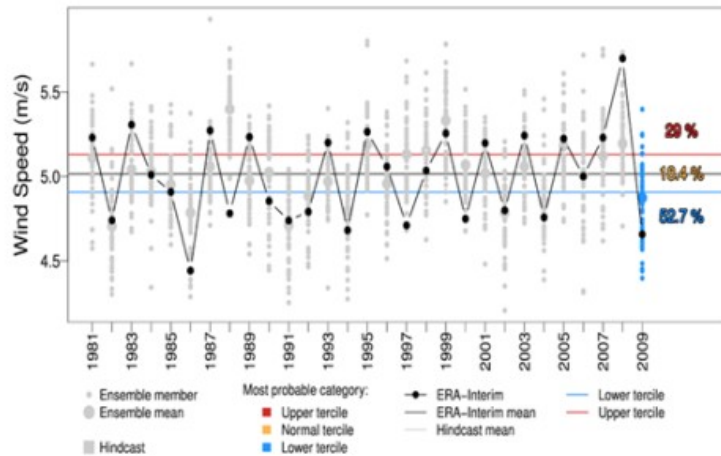
# e.g. Seasonal wind speed predictions



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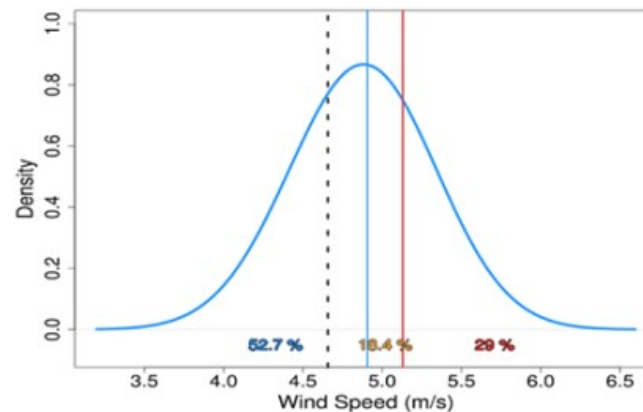
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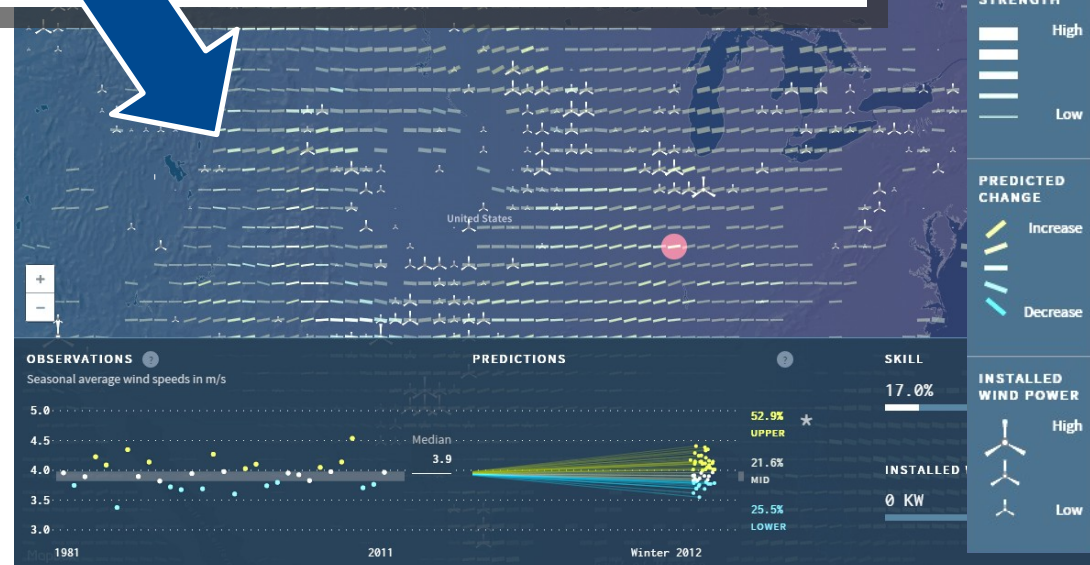
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On-line visualisation tool for the  
RESILIENCE prototype



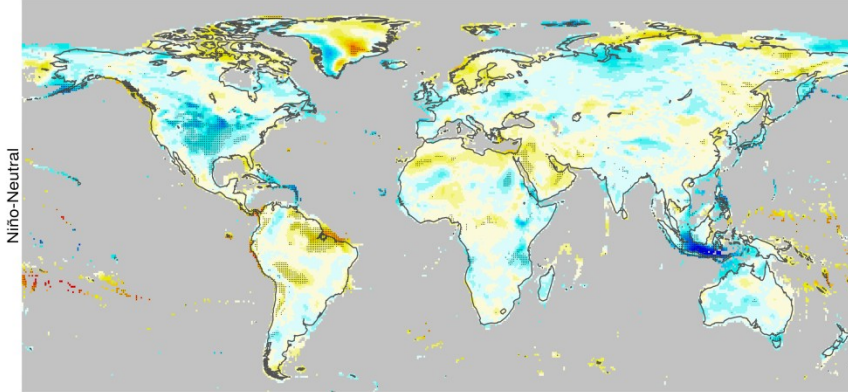
# e.g. Climate drivers of seasonal variability



DJF Wind difference (ONI), 1981-2014 (m/s)

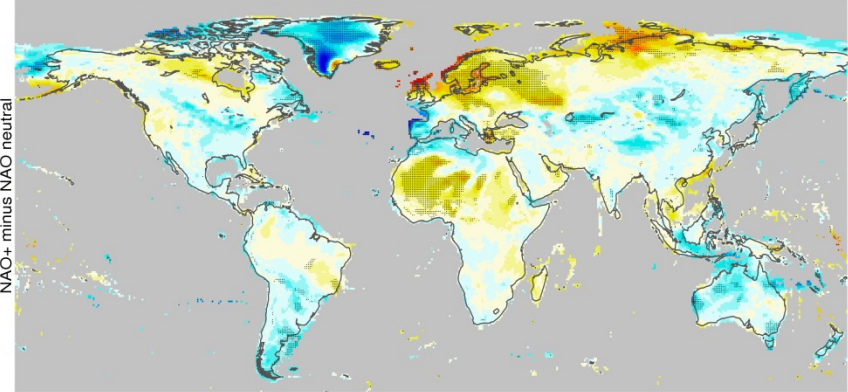
DJF Wind difference (NAO), 1981-2014 (m/s)

Niño

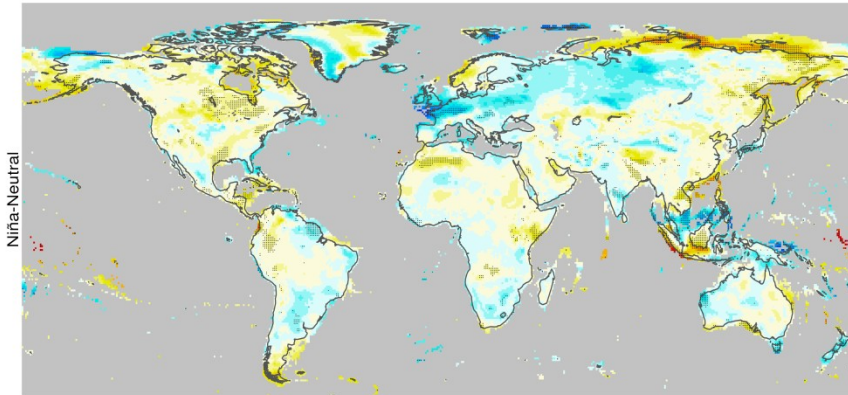


NAO +

NAO+ minus NAO neutral

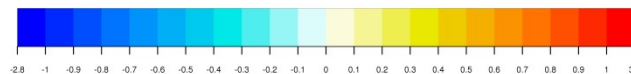
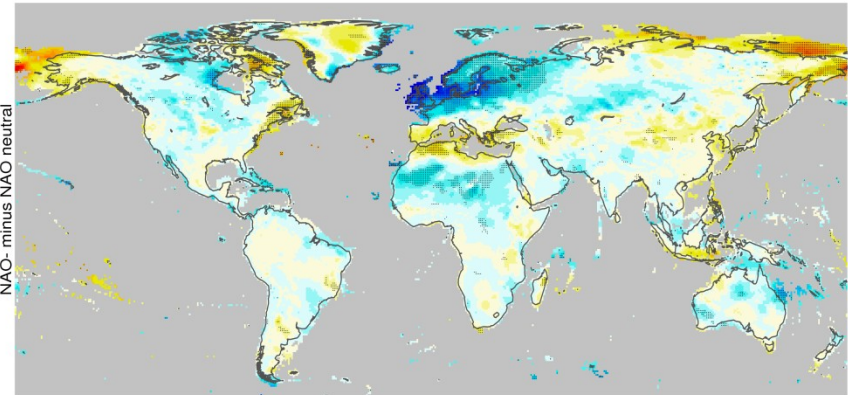


Niña



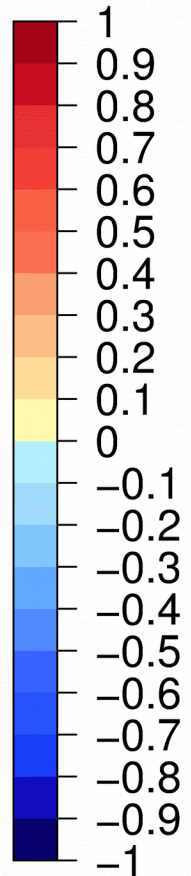
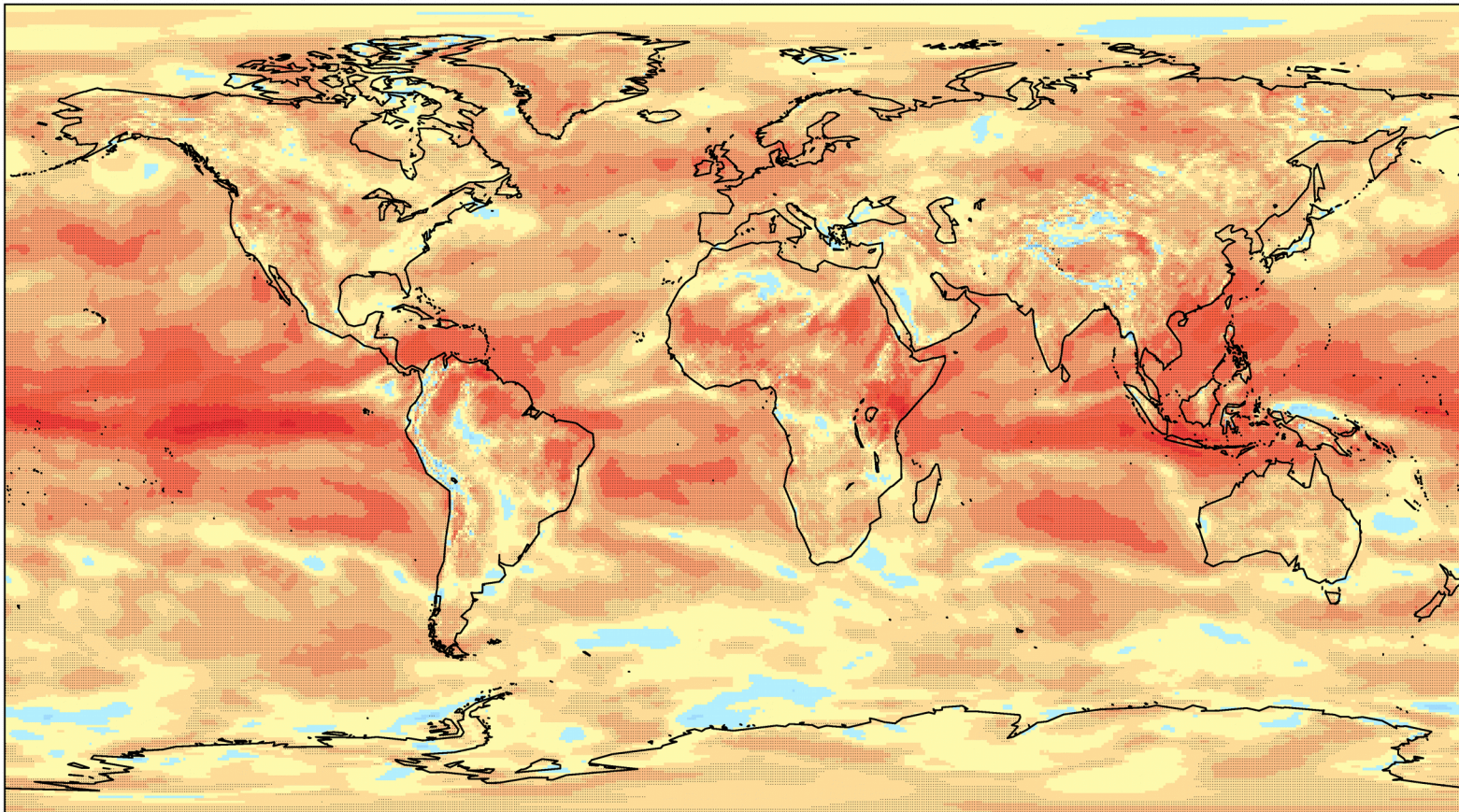
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## Correlation of ECMWF Monthly Prediction System 10m Wind Speed for Jan\_Feb. Forecast time 12-18.



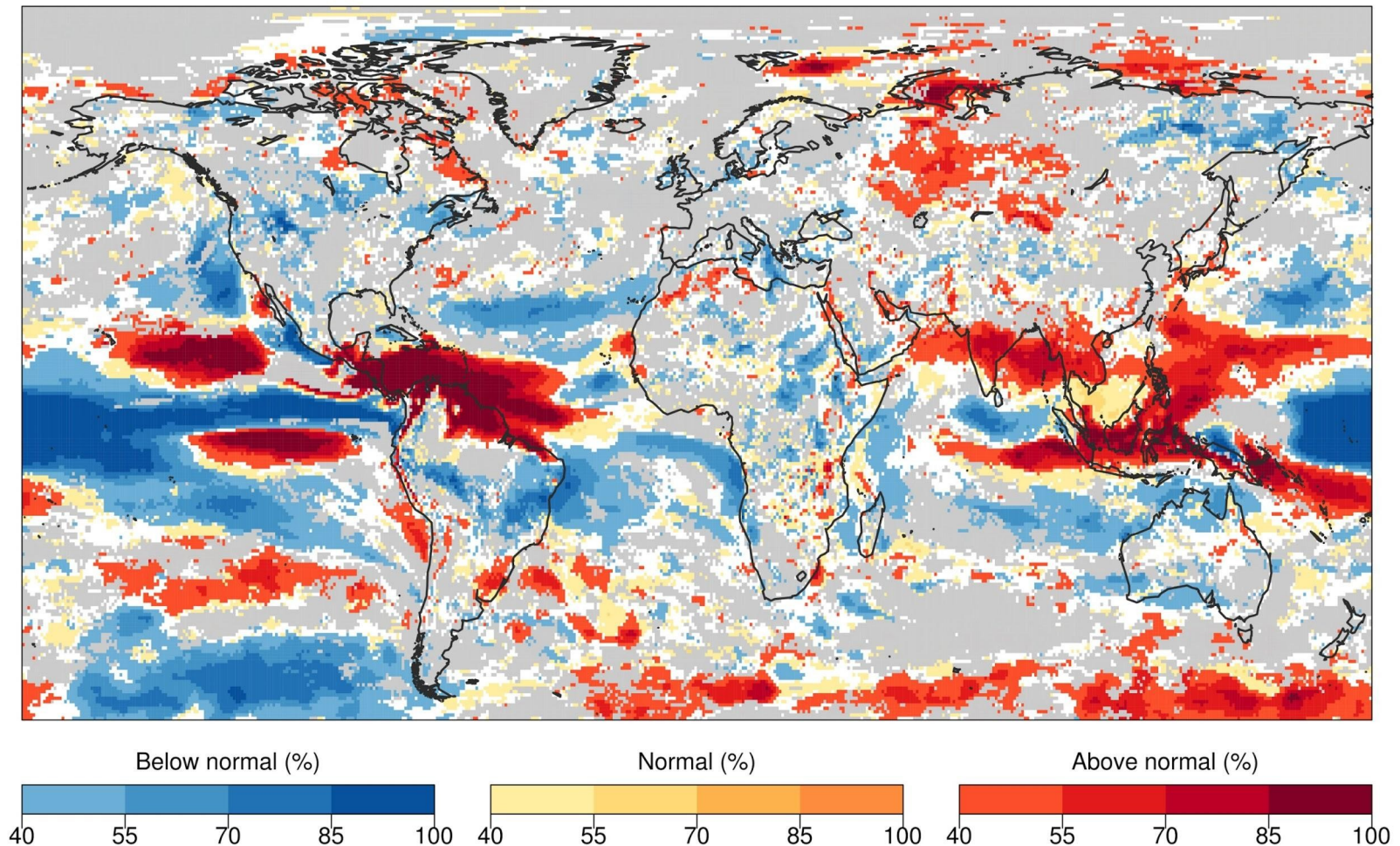


# Summer 2015 prediction with verification



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## Wind speed prediction for June 1st - August 31st 2015, issued on May 1st 2005.

The most likely wind power category (below normal, normal or above normal), and its percentage probability to occur is shown. "Normal" represents the average of the past. White areas show where the probability is <40% and approximately equal for all three categories. Grey areas show where the climate prediction model does not improve upon the standard and current approach, which projects past climate data into the future.

## Pre-Construction Decisions: **Annual to Decadal Timescales**

- **Wind farm planners:** Site selection
- **Wind farm investors:** Evaluate return on investments
- **Policy makers:** Understand changes to energy mix

## Post-Construction Decisions: **Monthly to Seasonal Timescales**

- **Energy producers:** Resource management strategies
- **Energy traders:** Resource effects on markets
- **Wind farm operators:** Planning for maintenance works
- **Wind farm investors:** Optimize return on investments

# National and International collaborations



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## Research centers



## Local administrations and international organizations



## Meteorological offices





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## Industrial partners. Air quality



## Industrial partners. Energy



## Industrial partners. Agriculture







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